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Nevada Talking Book Services

BARD Mobile for Android Devices

Eligibility

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation.

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The BARD Mobile application for Android devices, version 1.0, is now available at the Google Play store.

The BARD Mobile app enables National Library Service (NLS) patrons to download audiobooks and audio magazines directly to their Android devices running Android OS 4.1 or later. The user guide is available from the bookshelf of the app and online in HTML format at: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/apidocs/android/v1.0/toc.html>. Help screens are also available from inside the app and may be accessed by activating the Context menu or the More Options button and selecting Help

NLS has produced several tutorial videos featuring the BARD Mobile application for Android devices from the Library of Congress channel on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3rn1g0s-XM&list=PLpAGnumt6iV7Aap_-C8b-8pR_HCxnh_Ls.

In the videos, Consumer Relations Officer Judith Dixon provides instruction on how to read an audiobook, navigate an audiobook, manage downloads, and use basic gestures with TalkBack, the Android screen reader service.

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Las Vegas Outreach

Brett Silver, Outreach and Public Awareness Coordinator in southern Nevada, spends many hours each month advocating for the program and visiting with groups of individuals, facilities, schools and hospitals that may benefit from access to our service. One event he attends each month is the Large Vision Business Network Mixer.

This event, designed mainly for promoting businesses or selling products, is a great venue for promoting the Talking Books program. While attendees do not expect to encounter a resource like Talking Books at a gathering of businesses, they are curious enough to ask about the program. A common response is “I have a relative that’s losing vision.” Surprisingly, many find a resource they were not intentionally seeking.

The May event was especially productive. It seemed almost everyone who approached the table knew someone who could use the program and wanted an application. Even those that did not need the program were good contacts for people who work in facilities that serve the disabled in some capacity or had a venue for promoting the program like a radio show.

The atmosphere was lively and energized as one of the organizers of the event circulated from table to table with a microphone asking attendees to give a description of the business or service. Brett appreciates the support of the sponsors and the opportunity to attend this event at the invitation of Paula and Sylvester Jackson.

Free Braille Playing Cards

The service organization, Natives and Newcomers, in Carson City, has donated 21 decks of used playing cards to which they have added braille dots. The decks are from the Casino Fandango. The group added the braille and made unique cases to hold these unique thicker decks of cards.

If interested in receiving one of these card decks, please contact us. We will distribute these on a first come, first served basis.

New Nevada Titles**Time of the Rabies****by Laxalt, Robert**

DBC00635

Narrated by Millie Solley

In the desert hills outside of Carson City, sheep farmer Pete Lorda and his family are faced with a widespread case of rabies when a rabid bat bites a wandering coyote. This story reflects the 1920s old west and what a sheep farmer and Basque herders encounter while making unsympathetic decisions. Heroes and a budding romance develop during all the chaos. Some strong language and some violence.

A Special Person to Ride**by O'Brien, Marc**

DBC00644

Narrated by Stan Marshall

This book demonstrates that lessons can be learned outside of the classroom. They are taught with the aid of three extraordinary friends, a few therapeutic horses and the determination of one special needs individual. A unique bond develops between these friends when they discover how much their friend is capable of in spite of his disability. 2009.

Bad Boys and Black Sheep by Gish, Robert Franklin

DBC04762

Narrated by Millie Solley

A diversified collection of ten stories about men of different racial backgrounds and ages. The consequences of the men's past results in confrontations in their present lives. The individual stories focus on their lives in the Oklahoma Indian Territory, a small town and also a large city in New Mexico and the earthquake counties of California. Contains violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

The River Underground: An Anthology of Nevada Fiction by Griffin, Shaun T.

DBC00642

Narrated by Carol Kallares

A fascinating collection of 20 short stories by some well known authors such as Robert Laxalt and Teresa Jordan. The authors are all either living in Nevada or from Nevada. The stories are riveting, challenging, and some reflect what an individual has experienced in his or her past life and needs to face in the present. No two stories are alike.

What To Do If You Lose Your BARD iOS Mobile Device

1. Immediately change your BARD password

If you lose your device, the first thing you should do is change your BARD password using a web browser. This will prevent anyone using the mobile app on the lost phone from logging in and downloading any further books using your account. You will need to re-log in using your new password from any other mobile device.

2. Report your lost device to your library

Report your lost device to your library. Make sure to include your BARD login ID, the type of device it was, and the date you started using it (if you can remember). The library will use this information to delete the device from your account. You may also contact nlsdownload@loc.gov if you are unable to contact your library.

This information was taken from BARD's FAQ site. For other helpful information, visit <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/NV1A/FAQ.html>

This newsletter is available in alternative formats upon request.

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